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TAGS: ECON, PINS, CPRS, NI

SUBJECT: CHASE MERCHANT BANK OFFICERS RELEASED.

REF: STATE 196798 LAGOS 9073

1. REFERENCED TELEGRAMS CROSSED IN TRANSMISSION.

2. PETER BATES, CHASE MERCHANT BANK MANAGER, TELEPHONED EMBASSY THIS MORNING TO REPORT THAT HE AND AZIZ FARAGALLAH, OPERATIONS MANAGER, WERE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY YESTERDAY EVENING (SUNDAY, AUGUST 8). BATES FIRMLY OF THE OPINION THAT ENTIRE MATTER HAS BEEN CLEARED UP AND THAT NO FURTHER POLICE INTEREST IS TO BE EXPECTED.

3. EMBASSY CAN ONLY HOPE THAT BATES' OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT WILL PROVE ACCURATE. HOWEVER, HIS AND FARAGALLAH'S PASSPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED, WHICH INDICATES TO US THAT CASE MIGHT NOT BE CLOSED. ACCORDING TO BATES, PASSPORTS WERE NOT READILY AVAILABLE SUNDAY NIGHT BUT POLICE PROMISED TO RETURN THEM TODAY OR TOMORROW.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO REPORT REGARDING INVOLVEMENT OF LEEDS OR CASTROP MENTIONED STATE 196798.
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